

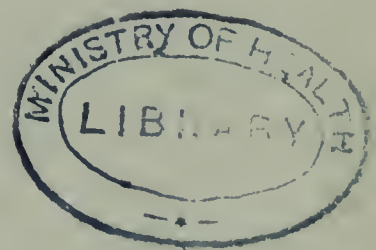
B O R O U G H O F B E A U M A R I S

A N N U A L R E P O R T

for the year

1953

of the



M E D I C A L O F F I C E R O F H E A L T H

H. Mervyn Thomas, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.C.H

including the Annual Report of the

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BEAUMARIS BOROUGH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1953.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen, and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my annual report for the year 1953.

The health of the population in so far as it is reflected in the vital statistics, continues to be fairly satisfactory.

The birth and death rates compare favourably with the rates for the county as a whole; there was no maternal mortality and only one death occurred among infants under twelve months of age. Nearly half the total number of deaths were due to disease of the heart and circulatory system.

Apart from the ten notified cases of whooping cough, which is always a potentially dangerous disease especially in young children, there were no serious outbreaks of infectious diseases.

The sanitary circumstances of the borough, as reported by the sanitary inspector, have improved with the further building of council houses, but there are still several cases of overcrowding and of families living in substandard dwellings.

Personal and environmental hygiene in food shops and catering establishments is on the whole satisfactory, but vigilance is required regarding the handling of food especially during the summer months when the borough attracts large numbers of visitors.

I would like to express my thanks to the Mayor and members of the council and to my fellow officers for their assistance in the preparation of the report.

Your obedient servant,

H. Mervyn Thomas.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	...	...	...	3135
Population (Registrar's estimate, mid 1953)...				2217
Number of houses	...	...	...	696
Number of council houses	...	...	...	137
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£13,940
Produce of penny rate	...	...	...	£54.1s.8d

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	22	17	39
Illegitimate	0	1	1
	<u>22</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>40</u>

The Births Rate per 1,000 estimated population was 18.0. Rates for previous years were: 1949, 23.3; 1950, 13.9; 1951, 15.9; 1952, 21.6.

The adjusted birth rate for 1953 was 19.1. The Birth Rate for Anglesey was 17.7.

Stillbirths

... Nil.

Deaths

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
17	16	33

Death Rate per 1,000 population was 14.9. Death Rate for 1949, 12.4; 1950, 13.4; 1951, 19.2; 1952, 15.0. The Death Rate for Anglesey in 1953 was 14.5.

The Adjusted Death Rate for Beaumaris in 1953 was 12.1.

Maternal Deaths

... Nil.

Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

The above figure relates to an infant under 4 weeks of age and, therefore, falls under the category of "Neonatal Deaths".

The Infant (and Neo-natal) Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births was 25.0.

The Infant Mortality Rate for England & Wales was 26.8; Anglesey, 32.8.

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES).

Causes of Death				M	F
1.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	1	1
2.	Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	0	1
3.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	2	1
4.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	4	0
5.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	0	1
6.	Other heart disease	...	...	4	1
7.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	1	2
8.	Influenza	...	...	0	1
9.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	0	1
10.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	2	0
11.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	3	3
12.	Accidents	...	...	0	4
TOTAL of ALL CAUSES				17	16

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis).

Table showing cases notified during the year,
classified in age groups.

Disease	Under 1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-15	15 & over	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Inf. Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Whooping Cough	1	5	2	2	-	-	-
Measles	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

Tuberculosis

Notifications of Tuberculosis were as follows:-

Notified in	{	Age	Sex	Respiratory or Non-Respiratory
		5	Male	Respiratory
Transfers.	{	7	"	"
		12½	Female	"
		21	"	"

38	28	55	1951	55	52	=	6
58	52	88	1952	88	88	=	1
88	88	52	1953	52	88	=	2

National Assistance Act, 1948.

No action was taken in respect of any individual under section 47 of this Act during the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE BOROUGH.

Summary of visits and work carried out during the year.

Dwelling houses inspected for nuisances,			
a) Number of houses visited	...	...	12
b) Number of inspections	...	...	95
Number of drains tested with colour, water or smoke..			41
Visits to work in progress	...	...	12
Interviews with owners or representatives	...	...	6
Dwelling houses where nuisances abated	...	...	190
Visits in connection with overcrowding	...	...	7
Visits in connection with infectious diseases	...	...	5
Visits for disinfection of premises..	...	...	7
Visits to premises re vermin	...	...	1
Visits to bakehouses, restaurants, cafés, canteens			
and hotel kitchens	...	...	11
Visits to ice-cream premises	...	...	6
Visits to fish-friers premises	...	...	3
Visits to other food-preparing premises	...	...	2
Visits re Shops Acts	...	...	1
Visits to workplaces	...	...	0
Visits re rats, mice and other infestation	...	...	24
Notices served,			
a) Informal	...	...	5
b) Statutory	...	...	0
Number of cases in which legal proceedings taken			0

Infectious Diseases.

Number of visits	...	...	3
Number of cases in which disinfection was carried out			7

FOOD HYGIENE

Number of food premises by type of business (excluding registered premises).

Butchers	...	2
Grocers	...	8
Confectioners	...	4
Bakeries	...	2
Catering establishments		
(including cafés, restaurants, hotels)		7
Number of visits to food premises	...	7
Number of food premises unsatisfactory from point of view of hygiene		1

FOOD HYGIENE (continued)

One cafe had an insanitary sink trough and no refuse receptacle. Otherwise general standard of hygiene in catering establishments is fairly good.

Preserved Food - Manufacture and Preparation.

Number of premises registered under Section 14 of
Food & Drugs Act, 1938 ... Nil
Number of new applications ... Nil
Number of visits. ... Nil

Ice-Cream.

Number of registered premises ... 7
Number of new applications ... Nil
Number of inspections ... 7
Number of contraventions (if any) of the Heat
treatment regulations 1947 to 1952.. Nil

Fish-Friers Premises.

Number of premises registered. ... 3
Number of new applications. ... 1
Number of visits. ... 6

Milk.

Number of Dairies and Distributors registered under Part
III of Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949 ... 4
Number of new applications. ... Nil
Number of visits to registered premises. ... Nil

There are no registered dairies within the Borough.
There are four milk vendors - one licensed for sale of T.T.,
one pasteurised T.T., and two no special designation.

Slaughterhouses.

Carcasses inspected and condemned.

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	648	22	4358	521
Number inspected	648	22	4221	521
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	25	8	36	16
Carcasses of which some part was condemned.	374	Nil	1676	5
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	9	Nil	Nil	2
Carcasses of which some part was condemned	45	Nil	Nil	52
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	9%	Nil	Nil	10%

Weights condemned.

Cattle	6 tons, 2 cwts, 3 qtrs, 20 lbs.
Calves ...	- 5 cwts, - 14 lbs.
Sheep & Lambs	1 ton, 4 cwts, - 14 lbs.
Pigs ...	- 7 cwts. - -

Knackers Yards.

Number registered	...	Nil
Number visited	...	Nil

UN SOUND FOOD.

Food condemned during the month as unfit for human consumption (outside slaughterhouses).

	Quantity	Tons	Cwts	Qtrs	lbs
Butchers' meat (including offal)	6	-	2	3	12
Other food (including tinned food)	50	-	1	1	8

WATER SUPPLY

Number of dwelling houses supplied by public water mains:-

a) Direct to houses	...	2175
b) By means of standpipes	...	15

Number of dwelling houses dependent on wells for their water. 10

Number of wells found to be contaminated by faecal matter. Nil

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

There are no existing schemes of sewerage in progress. Additional lengths of sewers were laid for one house and six flats now in occupation and for an additional 20 houses now under construction. Approximately 96% of houses and factories are connected to the Council sewers.

REFUSE DISPOSAL.

The method of collection of refuse is by contract twice weekly. The type of lorry used is very unsatisfactory and unhygienic. Attempts are now being made to purchase an up to date refuse lorry, which will be used between Menai Bridge U.D.C. and the Borough.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number registered.	Nil.
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HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling houses during the year.

(1) a. Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Act) .. 112

b. Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 95

1. (2) a. Number of dwelling houses included under sub-head (1) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925... Nil.
b. Number of inspections made for the purpose. ... Nil.
- (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. ... 2.
- (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. ... 1.
2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices.
Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. ... 75.
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.
 - (a) Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.
 - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. ... Nil.
 - (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices.
 - (a) By owners ... Nil
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... Nil
 - (b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.
 - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. ... Nil.
 - (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices,
 - (a) By owners. ... Nil.
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... Nil.
 - (c) Proceedings under Section 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.
 - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. ... Nil.
 - (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished. ... 1.
 - (3) Number of houses awaiting demolition. ... 1.
 - (4) Number of houses in which undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation. ... Nil.
 - (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.
 - (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. Nil.
 - (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. ... Nil.

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part III Section 26.

Number of houses in respect of which Clearance orders were made ... Nil.
Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

No systematic inspection has been carried out under the Health Act, 1936 Part IV regarding the degree of overcrowding. But there are known to be a number of houses which are overcrowded, which it is hoped will be abated when the new Council houses are completed.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances Remedied during the year.

Keeping of animals	...	...	...	1
Offensive accumulations	...	...	...	2
Sanitary accommodation,		insufficient	...	Nil
		defective	...	18
Drainage	...	reconstruction	...	2
		repaired	...	9
		cleansed	...	104
Cesspools and septic tanks...		abolished	...	Nil
		repaired	...	1
Conversions to w.c.'s	...	...	...	Nil
Refuse receptacles	...	...	...	11
Food Stores	...	...	...	Nil
Water Supplies	...	...	...	Nil
Walls and ceilings	...	...	...	21
Floors	...	...	...	2
Windows and ventilation	...	...	...	5
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks		...	...	18
Staircases	...	...	...	Nil
Coppers (defective)	...	...	...	Nil
Dampness	...	...	...	7
Roofs and rainwater pipes	...	...	...	18
Yard paving	...	...	...	2
Chimneys and fireplaces	...	...	...	5
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	60

Inspections under the Factories Act, 1937.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories WITHOUT MECHANICAL POWER in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced.	10	10	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 applies:-				
(a) WITHOUT MECHANICAL POWER, but enforcement of Sections 1,2,3,4,& 6 by Local Authorities revoked by the Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcement) Order, 1938.	-	-	-	-
(b) Others i.e. Factories WITH MECHANICAL POWER.	-	-	-	-
(iii) Other premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	10	10	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars (1)	No. of cases in which defects were found.			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.	
	Found (2)	Remedied. (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector. (4)	By H.M. Inspector. (5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
a. Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b. Unsuitable or defective.	-	-	-	-	-
c. Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework).	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil



